



Quarterly Update to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB) - April 2021 Update

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PROVIDER TYPES AFFECTED

This MLN Matters article is for physicians, hospitals and other providers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services they provide to Medicare patients that Medicare pays using the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS).

PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

CR 12155 informs you of the issuance of April 2021 updates of the 2021 MPFS. Make sure your billing staffs are aware of these updates.

BACKGROUND

CMS issued Calendar Year (CY) 2021 MPFS payment files to the MACs based upon the CY 2021 MPFS Final Rule published in the Federal Register on December 28, 2020. Those files are effective for services furnished between January 1, 2021, and December 31, 2021.

Below is a summary of the changes for the April update to the 2021 MPFS. Unless otherwise stated, these changes are effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2021.

The following new code is effective for dates of service January 1, 2021, and after. This code was implemented under CR 11907 for the January 2021 HCPCS update.

- G2211 - Procedure Status = B; there are no Relative Value Units (RVUs), payment policy indicators don't apply.

The following code has changes to the Multiple Procedure (Multi Proc) Payment Reduction (MPPR) indicator. These changes are effective for dates of service January 1, 2021, and after.

| Code | Modifier | Action |
|-------|----------|---------------|
| 0508T | | Mult Proc = 0 |
| 0508T | TC | Mult Proc = 0 |
| 0508T | 26 | Mult Proc = 0 |

The following updates are effective for dates of service on and after April 1, 2021. These codes were part of the April 2021 HCPCS update (CR 12029).

| Code | Action |
|-------|---|
| A9592 | Procedure Status = X; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators don't apply. |
| G2020 | Procedure Status = X; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators don't apply. |
| G2172 | Procedure Status = X; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators don't apply. |
| G9868 | Short Descriptor = CMMI asyntehealth <10min |
| G9869 | Short Descriptor = CMMI asyntehealth 10-20min |
| G9870 | Short Descriptor = CMMI asyntehealth >20min |
| J1427 | Procedure Status = E; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators don't apply. |
| J1554 | Procedure Status = E; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators don't apply. |
| J7321 | Short Descriptor = Hyalgan supartz visco-3 dose |
| J7333 | Procedure Status = I |
| J7401 | Procedure Status = I |
| J7402 | Procedure Status = E; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators don't apply. |
| J9037 | Procedure Status = E; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators don't apply. |
| J9349 | Procedure Status = E; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators don't apply. |
| Q2053 | Procedure Status = E; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators don't apply. |
| S1091 | Procedure Status = I; there are no RVUs, payment policy indicators don't apply. |

We made a technical correction associated with indirect Practice Expense (PE) allocation applied to HCPCS codes G2082 and G2083 in the CY 2021 MPFS final rule. Since we applied this technical correction too late to allow for discussion in the preamble text of the rule, we are reverting this change for CY 2021, retroactive to January 1, 2021. Therefore, the following RVU changes are effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2021.

| Code | Action |
|-------|---|
| G2082 | Non-facility PE RVU = 24.06; Facility PE RVU = 0.27 |
| G2083 | Non-facility PE RVU = 34.72; Facility PE RVU = 0.27 |

We are adding the following RVUs for DISPLAY PURPOSES ONLY for CPT code 99417.

- Work RVU = 0.61; Non-facility PE RVU = 0.30; Facility PE RVU = 0.27; MP RVU = 0.05

Note: The procedure Status indicator is “I” for code 99417 because it isn’t valid for Medicare purposes. You can see these RVUs at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/PhysicianFeeSched/PFS-Relative-Value-Files>.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR 12155, issued to your MAC regarding this change, is available at <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/r10631cp.pdf>.

Note: MACs won’t search their files to either retract payment for claims already paid or to retroactively pay claims. However, MACs will adjust claims that you bring to their attention.

If you have questions, your MACs may have more information. Find their website at <http://go.cms.gov/MAC-website-list>.

DOCUMENT HISTORY

| Date of Change | Description |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| March 10, 2021 | Initial article released. |

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